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**CITY COUNCIL APPROVES JOSE SANTIAGO AS CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT
COMMISSIONER**

CHICAGO - The Chicago City Council today approved Mayor Rahm Emanuel's appointment of Jose A. Santiago as the new Chicago Fire Department (CFD) Fire Commissioner.

"Firefighting is a calling that inspires a unique kind of courage and fellowship, and requires a unique kind of leadership," said Mayor Emanuel. "I am confident that Jose will lead the department with the compassion and resolve that have defined his career," said Mayor Emanuel.

Prior to his appointment, Santiago was the Deputy Fire Commissioner, Bureau of Operations at the CFD. Santiago has also served as Executive Director of the Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC) from March 2010 to June 2011.

Before serving as Director of OEMC, Santiago served as Assistant Deputy Fire Commissioner (ADFC) for Fire Suppression and Rescue for the CFD, which he joined in 1979. ADFC Santiago's responsibilities included directing and managing 4400+ uniform members, along with 250 pieces of apparatus. He has been responsible for the establishment of long term goals, implementation of training and safety procedures, improvement/updating of the standard operating procedures and the acceleration of technology at the ground level.

Jose Santiago served in the United States Marine Corp for over 31 years, both in active duty and the reserves. Santiago worked his way through the ranks from Private to Commanding



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Officer of H & S Company, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment 4th Marine Division. As the Commanding Officer, he was responsible for the training, directing and supervision of 253 Marines. He served in Operations Frequent Wind (RVN), Desert Shield and Desert Storm (SWA).

Santiago replaces Robert S. Hoff, who retired in February after 35 years of service with the CFD.

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